



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

18 VAC 85-101 – Regulations Governing the Licensure of Radiologic Technologists and Radiologic Technologists-Limited

Department of Health Professions

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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Medicine (Board) proposes to amend its Regulations Governing the Licensure of Radiologic Technologists and Radiologic Technologists-Limited so that rules for each license designation (radiologic technologist and radiologic technologist-limited) are grouped in different sections of these regulations. The Board also proposes to eliminate the requirement that 12 of the 24 hours of continuing education completed by radiologic technologists (for biennial license renewal) be “acceptable to the ARRT¹ as category A”.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Currently, certain rules for radiologic technologists and radiologic technologists-limited are commingled. The rules that govern license renewal for these license designations, for instance, are all in one regulatory section. In order to add clarity to these regulations, the Board proposes to separate the rules that are commingled. Individuals who are looking in these regulations to find the rules that govern either radiologic technologists or radiologic technologists-limited will likely benefit from this proposed reorganization.

Current regulations require that radiologic technologists complete 24 hours of ARRT approved continuing education during each biennial license renewal cycle; currently 12 of these 24 hours must be acceptable to ARRT as “category A” education. The Board proposes to

¹ American Registry of Radiologic Technologists

eliminate the separate requirement that half of continuing education hours fall into category A because ARRT no longer accepts any education that falls into categories below “A”. Since all continuing education must be acceptable to the ARRT, all continuing education hours will now have to be in categories “A” or “A+”. Regulated entities will likely incur no additional costs on account of the Board’s Elimination of this now obsolete language from these regulations. These entities may get a (likely small) benefit from the Board’s removal of language that implies that some lesser category of education is acceptable to maintain licensure.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The Department of Health Professions (DHP) reports that the Board currently licenses 2,977 radiologic technologists and 855 radiologic technologists-limited. These individuals, as well as any individuals who seek licensure in the future, will be affected by these proposed regulatory changes.

Localities Particularly Affected

No locality will be particularly affected by this proposed regulatory action.

Projected Impact on Employment

This regulatory action will likely have no impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

This regulatory action will likely have no affect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Real Estate Development Costs

This regulatory action will likely have no affect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.